

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Claim 3 has been amended and claims 12 and 13 have been added as follows:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original): A covered wire having an electrical conductive core and a unicolor cover portion of synthetic resign for covering said core comprising:

a first mark being formed by coloring a part of an outer surface of said cover portion with a first color; and

a second mark being formed by coloring the other part of said outer surface of said cover portion with a second color different from said first color, whereby said first mark and said second mark are disposed alternately with a gap along lengthwise of said covered wire, and a length of said first mark along the lengthwise of said covered wire is longer than that of said second mark along the lengthwise of said covered wire.

Claim 2 (original): The covered wire according to claim 1, wherein one said first mark and one said second mark are disposed respectively at an end area of said covered wire.

Claim 3 (currently amended): The covered wire according to claim 1 [[or 2]], further comprising means for distinguishing wire diameters as capable to distinguish outer diameters of said cover portions.

Claim 4 (original): The covered wire according to claim 3, wherein said means for distinguishing wire diameters is a plurality of marks provided with one of said first mark and said second mark divided to plural pieces, and disposed along the lengthwise of said covered wire.

Claim 5 (original): A covered wire having an electrical conductive core and a unicolor cover portion of synthetic resign for covering said core comprising:

a plurality of third marks being formed by coloring a part of an outer surface of said cover portion with a third color, said third marks being disposed with a gap therebetween along lengthwise of said covered wire.

Claim 6 (original): The covered wire according to claim 5, further comprising means for distinguishing wire diameters as capable to distinguish outer diameters of said cover portions.

Claim 7 (original): The covered wire according to claim 6, wherein said means for distinguishing wire diameters is a plurality of fourth marks provided with plural pieces thereof between a pair of said third marks adjacent to each other by coloring a part of said outer surface of said cover portion with a forth color different from said third color and disposed with a space along the lengthwise of said covered wire.

Claim 8 (original): A method of distinguishing covered wires comprising steps of:

forming a first mark by coloring a part of an outer surface of a unicolor covered wire with a first color; and

forming a second mark by coloring the other part of said outer surface with a second color different from the first color, whereby said first mark and said second mark are disposed alternately with a gap along lengthwise of said covered wire, and a length of said first mark along the lengthwise

of said covered wire is longer than that of said second mark along the lengthwise of said covered wire, and colors for said first color and said second color are selected as capable to distinguish each covered wire.

Claim 9 (original): The method of distinguishing covered wires according to claim 8, wherein one of said first mark and said second mark is divided to plural pieces as capable to distinguish outer diameters of said covered wires, and disposed along the lengthwise of said covered wire.

Claim 10 (original): A method of distinguishing covered wires comprising a step of forming a plurality of third marks being formed by coloring a part of an outer surface of a unicolor covered wire with a third color, said third marks being disposed with a gap therebetween along lengthwise of said covered wire, whereby said third color is selected respectively for said covered wires as capable to distinguish each covered wire.

Claim 11 (original): The method of distinguishing covered wires according to claim 10, further comprising steps of forming a plurality of fourth marks between a pair of said third marks adjacent to each other by coloring the other part of said outer surface of said cover portion with a forth color different from said third color as capable to distinguish the outer diameters of said covered wires, the plurality of fourth marks being disposed along the lengthwise of said covered wire.

Claim 12 (new): The covered wire according to claim 2, further comprising means for distinguishing wire diameters as capable to distinguish outer diameters of said cover portions.

Claim 13 (new): The covered wire according to claim 12, wherein said means for distinguishing wire diameters is a plurality of marks provided with one of said first mark and said second mark divided to plural pieces, and disposed along the lengthwise of said covered wire.